



## 2025 OWHA Provincial Championship Playing Rules



*NOTE: OWHA reserves the right to interpret and update the material above and make final and binding decisions as it deems appropriate.*

- A. Game Length
  - a. U9, U11, U13, U15, U18, U22A and Senior **Non-Medal** Games 12-12-12-Flood. No O/T in these games.
  - b. U11, U13, U15, U18, U22A and Senior **Medal** Games 12-12-Flood-15 (if tied see "D" below)
  - c. U18 AA **Non-Medal** Games 15-15-Flood-15-Flood (if tied in Qtr or Semi Finals, see "D" below)
  - d. U22 AA **Non-Medal** Games 15-15-Flood-20-Flood (if tied in Qtr or Semi Finals, see "D" below)
  - e. U18 AA **Medal** Games 15-Flood-15-Flood-20-Flood (if tied see "D" below)
  - f. U22 AA **Medal** Games 20-Flood-20-Flood-20-Flood (if tied see "D" below)
  - g. Note: Please reference rules for overtime games and times
- B. There will be a three (3) minute warm up prior to each game, starting as soon as the ice re-surfacer gates are closed, but no earlier than fifteen (15) minutes prior to the scheduled start time.
- C. There will be no overtime played in round robin series, unless otherwise noted on schedule.
- D. In quarter finals, semi-finals, and championship games, if the game is tied at the end of regulation play then teams will play ten (10) minute stop time sudden victory periods until a goal is scored. Teams will not switch ends for the first overtime period but will switch ends after each successive period until a winner is declared.
- E. One 30 second timeout will be permitted per team/per game in all categories of OWHA Provincial Championships. This one timeout may take place in regulation or overtime.
- F. Floods (addition or deletion) will be at the discretion of the OWHA and/or the referee on the ice if the need arises (i.e. overtime, weather conditions, etc.)
- G. Points will be awarded as follows: two (2) points for a win, one (1) point for a tie and no (0) points for a loss.
- H. If there is a tie in points after round robin games, the following tiebreakers will be used to break the tie:
  - i. Total points in round robin play;
  - ii. Most Number of wins;
  - iii. Record against other tied teams - total points in games with tied teams only;
  - iv. Goals scored minus the goals against in round robin play;
  - v. Fewest goals allowed in round robin play;
  - vi. Most periods won in round robin play;
  - vii. Fewest penalty minutes in round robin play;
  - viii. First goal scored in round robin play;
  - ix. Flip of a coin.
- I. In case of more than two teams, tiebreakers will follow the numerical order until all ties are broken.
- J. All disciplinary matters will be dealt with by the Disciplinary Panel of the OWHA.
- K. Teams are required to bring two sets of sweaters (light and dark) to the Provincial Championships. The home team will wear their light-coloured sweaters. Goalies must dress in the same sweater colour as the team is wearing. Any conflict in sweater colour will result in the home team having to change.
- L. All players of each team must wear the same-coloured hockey socks on both legs, goalies excepted. Goalies must have their legs covered.
- M. Any reported violation of (K) and (L) above will result in a warning for the first offence and forfeit of the game for a second reported offence. Reported violations must be made in writing immediately following the completion of the game.